

Information Collection
Underground Injection Control (UIC) Class V Well Study
Saline Intrusion Barrier Wells

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Washington, DC 20460

NOTE: If there is a more appropriate person to complete this questionnaire, please forward it.

Please provide missing information and/or update the contact information provided below.

	Contact
State:	
Name of Contact:	
Name of Agency:	
Street Address:	
City, State Zip:	
Phone Number:	
E-mail Address:	

If you have any questions or need assistance filling out this questionnaire, please contact:

Class V Coordinator
(703) 931-8700

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Information Collection on Saline Intrusion Barrier Wells

DEFINITION: Saline intrusion barrier wells are used to inject fluids to prevent the intrusion of salt water into an aquifer. These wells may have secondary purposes such as aquifer recharge. **For purposes of the study, if you have saline intrusion barrier wells that are injecting waste water (treated or untreated), please complete the enclosed questionnaire for sewage treatment effluent disposal wells.**

We are only asking you to submit data that has already been collected by the State and is readily available. Please answer the following questions to the extent possible based on existing data.

1. Regulations

EPA is obtaining regulations from the State Underground Injection Control (UIC) program. If saline intrusion barrier wells are regulated under a separate statute or regulation, please provide the citation(s) below or attach appropriate copies. 9 Check if attached.

2. Number of Saline Intrusion Barrier Wells

2a. Indicate the number of saline intrusion barrier wells that can be documented in the State (excluding wells that have been permanently plugged and abandoned): _____

2b. In your judgement, does the number given in 2a accurately reflect the number of wells in the State?

9 Yes 9 Go to Question 3.

9 No

2c. Please estimate the number of wells in the State (excluding wells that have been permanently plugged and abandoned): _____

2d. What is the source of the estimate given in 2c (e.g., survey, model, best professional judgement)?

Please explain the methodology used to derive the estimate.

3. Location of Saline Intrusion Barrier Wells

Please provide the location of each saline intrusion barrier well in your inventory. We prefer latitude and longitude coordinates (a). If that information is not available, please provide other location information such as zip code (b), county (c), Quarter/Section/Township/Range (Q/S/T/R) coordinates, or other identifying information (d). If you have a database containing this information, you may submit this information in any format that is convenient for you instead of completing the following table. If completing the table or submitting information will be extremely time consuming or financially burdensome, please contact the Class V coordinator (see cover page). Please copy this page if you need additional lines.

NOTE: Please do not report saline intrusion barrier wells that inject waste water on this questionnaire.

If you have saline intrusion barrier wells that are injecting waste water, please report those wells on the enclosed questionnaire for sewage treatment effluent disposal wells.

One well per line please.

Unique well identifier (e.g., permit no., operator name)	PLEASE COMPLETE (a), (b), (c), OR (d). WE PREFER (a).				
	(a) Latitude/ Longitude (to minutes)		(b) Zip Code	(c) County Name	(d) Other Location Information (e.g., Q/S/T/R, UTM)
	Latitude	Longitude			

4. What are the sources of injectate for saline intrusion barrier wells in your State?

Source of Injectate	Number of wells
Untreated Surface Water	
Surface Water Treated with Disinfection Only	
Surface Water Treated to Drinking Water Standards	
Other (please specify)	
Unknown	
Total*	

*Please ensure that the above total matches your response to Question 2a.

5. Number of wells owned/operated privately: _____

6. Number of wells owned/operated publicly: _____

7. Does the State have construction and/or siting requirements for these wells?

9 Yes ☐ Please describe briefly below, or attach appropriate information. **9** Check if information attached.

9 No ☐ Go to Question 9.

8. Does the State conduct inspections or review records to ensure that construction/siting requirements are met?

9 Yes ☒ Please describe briefly below.

9 No

9. Does the State have operating requirements (e.g., contaminant limits, monitoring requirements) for these wells?

9 Yes ☒ Please describe briefly below, or attach appropriate information. **9** Check if information attached.

9 No ☒ Go to Question 11.

10. Does the State conduct inspections or review records to ensure that operating requirements are met?

9 Yes ☒ Please describe briefly below.

9 No

11. In deciding whether to approve saline intrusion barrier wells or in setting operating requirements for saline intrusion barrier wells, do you consider the ambient ground water quality in the injection zone?

☒ Yes ☐ No Please describe briefly below, or attach appropriate information. ☐ Check if information attached.

☐ No

12. Have there been any incidents in your State in which a saline intrusion barrier well contributed to contamination of an Underground Source of Drinking Water (USDW)? Contamination can include exceedances of Federal or State drinking water standards, ground water standards, or health advisory levels.

☒ Yes ☐ No If any study or description of the incident exists, please provide us a copy. If not, please provide a brief summary for each incident. To the extent this information is available, include a description of what happened, the impact on ground water quality or drinking water wells (public or private), the date of the incident, the name of the city or county in which the incident occurred, and the name and phone number of a contact for follow up. ☐ Check if description(s) attached.

☐ No

☐ Don't Know

Please Go To Page 7 and Complete the Additional Contacts Section.

Additional Contacts

Please list individuals that could help answer our questions on saline intrusion wells. Include individuals from other State programs, local programs, or institutions such as universities, as appropriate.

Name/Title: _____	Name/Title: _____
Affiliation: _____	Affiliation: _____
Street Address: _____	Street Address: _____
_____	_____
_____	_____
Telephone Number: _____	Telephone Number: _____

Thank you for your assistance.

Please remember to:

☐ Attach appropriate information.

☐ Return this questionnaire

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